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EPA/Win Scenario -- General release

A FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT HAS REJECTED A MOTION FILED BY THE EPA TO DISMISS A LAWSUIT BROUGHT AGAINST THE AGENCY BY A GROUP OF TOBACCO GROWERS AND BUSINESSES. THAT LAWSUIT, WHICH NOW GOES TO TRIAL, SEEKS TO HAVE THE EPA'S REPORT ON ENVIRONMENTAL TOBACCO SMOKE DECLARED NULL AND VOID. ROBERT WEBER IS AN ATTORNEY IN THE CASE.

"We're delighted by this ruling which forces EPA to defend its conduct, in court. In a court of law, rules of science and evidence will control, not EPA's predetermined and biased policies."

THE EPA HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH MANIPULATING SCIENTIFIC DATA AND OVERSTEPPING ITS REGULATORY AUTHORITY. STEVE PARRISH, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL COUNSEL FOR PHILIP MORRIS U.S.A., A PLAINTIFF IN THE CASE.

"EPA ignored its own guidelines and manipulated data in order to get a predetermined conclusion. That's wrong as a matter of law and as a matter of science. The court's decision today is the first step in setting the record straight and we look forward to a trial on the merits."

I'M JAMES HILL.

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